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LETTER DATED 5 MARCH 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith letters dated 4 March 1991 from Mr. Tariq Aziz, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, addressed to the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of China, Cuba, India and Yemen.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex I

Letter dated 4 March 1991 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of China

The people and leadership of Iraq have followed the positions adopted by China in the Security Council during discussion of aspects relating to the Gulf crisis and, in particular, China's abstention from the vote on Security Council resolutions 678 (1990) and 686 (1991).

History will speak of a significant distinction whereby China abstained from the vote on the unjust resolution 686 (1991), at a time when Iraq agreed to fulfil its obligations under that resolution. History will provide the proper interpretation of that fact. We are pleased that China is able to speak the truth and to adopt the position which it deems fit in accordance with its assessments. Iraq, for its part, has aquiesced in its acceptance because of circumstances which are well known.

Another of the distinctions which history will record is that distortion of the truth has extended even to the formulation of resolutions by the highest international organization. Such resolutions are supposed to maintain at least a minimum level of credibility. The provisions of resolution 686 (1991) make frequent reference to "the forces of Kuwait and the Member States cooperating with Kuwait", implying that it is those forces which fought the war against Iraq. As everyone in the world is aware, the war plan is an American plan. It was the American President who declared war and it was he who announced the cessation of military operations. It was the American forces, together with much more limited forces from other Western countries, particularly Britain and France, which fought the war. As everyone in the world knows, it is the American political machine which dictates, directs and applies pressure in order to fashion the political position on this subject, and thus the resolutions of the Security Council.

These distinctions will not pass without being seen as signs of a dark age which the human race is now entering ... an age of domination by a brutal super-Power over the resources of the world and the international establishment, imposing its will on them with impunity ... distorting the truth as it distorts history. The free peoples of the world, their national Governments and all those with a clear conscience must draw the pertinent conclusions from these facts. They must also expose the premeditated designs against Iraq which lie behind everything that has happened in the past. The principal truth of the matter is that the fundamental issue, regardless of differences of opinion on one side or another, which are natural and legitimate, was not that of respect for international legitimacy and international law but the imposition of hegemony over the resources of the Gulf region and the Middle East and thereby over the world.

Events prove once again that peace, stability, security and justice cannot be secured in the Middle East region and that this region will not enjoy security and tranquillity until the question of the Palestinian Arab people is solved on a just

basis which guarantees that people its legitimate rights to recover its territory and to establish its own free independent State in that territory, including its capital, Jerusalem.

(Signed) Tariq AZIZ
Deputy Prime Minister
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq

Annex II

Letter dated 4 March 1991 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba

The people and leadership of Iraq have followed the bold and principled positions adopted by Cuba in the Security Council during discussion of aspects relating to the Gulf crisis, the latest example being Cuba's vote against Security Council resolution 686 (1991). The people and leadership welcome those positions.

History will speak of a significant distinction whereby Cuba rejected the unjust resolution 686 (1991) at a time when Iraq agreed to fulfil its obligations under that resolution. History will provide the proper interpretation of that fact. We are pleased that Cuba is able to speak the absolute truth and to adopt the position dictated by its principles. Iraq, for its part, has acquiesced in its acceptance because of circumstances which are well known.

Another of the distinctions which history will record is that distortion of the truth has extended even to the formulation of resolutions by the highest international organization. Such resolutions are supposed to maintain at least a minimum level of credibility. The provisions of resolution 686 (1991) make frequent reference to "the forces of Kuwait and the Member States cooperating with Kuwait", implying that it is those forces which fought the war against Iraq. As everyone in the world is aware, the war plan is an American plan. It was the American President who declared war and it was he who announced the cessation of military operations. It was the American forces, together with much more limited forces from other Western countries, particularly Britain and France, which fought the war. As everyone in the world knows, it is the American political machine which dictates, directs and applies pressure in order to fashion the political position on this subject, and thus the resolutions of the Security Council.

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Events prove once again that peace, stability, security and justice cannot be secured in the Middle East region and that this region will not enjoy security and

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Annex III

Letter dated 4 March 1991 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of India

The people and leadership of Iraq have followed the position adopted by India in the Security Council when it abstained from the vote on Security Council resolution 686 (1991).

History will speak of a significant distinction whereby India abstained from the vote on the unjust resolution 686 (1991) at a time when Iraq agreed to fulfil its obligations under that resolution. History will provide the proper interpretation of that fact. We are pleased that India is able to speak the truth and to adopt the position which it deems fit in accordance with its assessments. Iraq, for its part, has acquiesced in its acceptance because of circumstances which are well known.

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Annex IV

Letter dated 4 March 1991 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yemen

The people and leadership of Iraq have followed the positions adopted by Yemen in the Security Council during discussion of aspects relating to the Gulf crisis, its decision to vote against Security Council resolution 678 (1990) and its recent decision to abstain from the vote on resolution 686 (1991), which we had hoped would be a vote against the resolution rather than an abstention.

History will speak of a significant distinction whereby Yemen abstained from the vote on the unjust resolution 686 (1991) at a time when Iraq agreed to fulfil its obligations under that resolution. History will provide the proper interpretation of that fact. We are pleased that Yemen is able to speak the truth and to adopt the position which it deems fit in accordance with its assessments. Iraq, for its part, has acquiesced in its acceptance because of circumstances which are well known.

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